**Shakespeare Teaching Ideas from Previous Attendees**

* Choose theme song for play/character – CD lyrics – why chose it
* Theme music moods and CD of music and cover 10-12 songs and why chose
* Starts up and frozen and then interpret
* Spotlighting
* Adding in scenes – after banquet or witches – being Lennox or Macbeth
* Do the scene silently and then normally?!
* Modern version of a scene
* Dumbshow of play with teacher as narrator
* 3 columns of Shakespearean insults – choose one word from each and make up your own insult and shout out
* Using lots of props – Macbeth crown etc
* Act out summary with props and take photos and add quotes and use as class display at start of study
* Give groups an act each and they make a 3-5 minute play of it using props
* Standing and sitting according to power – even standing on chair – during scene
* Take out all the stage directions and names
* Macbeth Day – trivia competition, costumes, perfs in afternoon, court case for Macbeth
* Chat on MSN to Lady M – call themselves Duffman etc
* Letter writing – one character writing to another justifying their behaviour and they also write replies
* Blogs
* Facepages for characters – Visage Page etc
* Putting Shakespeare into SMS language
* Spark notes – No Fear Shakespeare
* [www.shmoop.com](http://www.shmoop.com)
* [www.folger.edu/](http://www.folger.edu/) - Macbeth and junior high – listening to use of sound then watching – what you hear what you feel – Trevor Nunn and Polanski
* Oprah and Dr Phil
* Characters questioning Shakespeare. “Why did you make me like this?”
* Cross-curricular with art – designing sets etc
* Create a picture of the character’s face using quotes
* Line debate – two halves – one minute – capture people from other side
* Rate 1 -10 Who most to blame for R and J’s deaths
* Timeframe of R& J – picture for each day – 6 boxes on A3 sheets
* Graphic novel of the play. Divide up play amongst class. Each does separate section in black and white on A3

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